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Belleville DDA plans wayfinding signs to help visitors get around town

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is moving forward with plans for wayfinding signs to help visitors get around the city.

At its Oct. 17 meeting, the DDA voted unanimously to pay Spicer Group \$9,500 for the design phase of new signs that would take the project up to the bidding stage, with a complete set of construction drawings.

DDA members Tom Fielder and Rosemary Loria volunteered to work with Spicer as the sign design and placement is worked out.

"You can't get lost in Belleville," said DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, who said she was thinking of voting against the project.

"Yes, you can," said chairman John Hoops, noting the railroad was closed that week and people were lost.

"This project has to happen sooner or later," said City Manager Diane Kollmeyer, who added that people come into City Hall regularly for directions.

"It's a confusing little town," she added.

DDA members noted that Main Street, starts out as Belleville Road, turns into Main Street, hits Five Points, then becomes South Street, before coming out as Sumpter Road heading south, which is confusing in itself.

DDA administrative coordinator Carol Thompson gave a long list of destinations she gets calls on as people look for directions, including the high school, middle school, Horizon Park, and Victory Station.

Planning Commission chairman Steve Jones noted from the audience that the street sign for High Street at Main has been gone for some time and when you tell newcomers to turn at High Street, they can't find it.

The money allocated by the DDA does

not cover the construction costs, which will be another \$15,000 or so according to an estimate by DDA member Gary Snarski, which Spicer engineer Dave Vallier agreed with.

Recreation grant

On another project, the DDA also voted to pay Spicer \$2,000 to research a grant to build structures along the Horizon Park shoreline that could include making the existing dock usable, with a possible floating pier; extending the fishing pier; and installing a pavilion in the water.

Vallier said they need to check with the DEQ about what's allowable and how far they can go out into the lake, along with regulations from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) which has a say-so because of the French Landing Dam on the lake.

When Thompson was asked if the DDA could afford all these new payments to Spicer, Thompson said the fund balance had \$1.47 million and \$570,000 is set aside to pay bonds, so there is \$900,000 left in the fund balance.

Vallier said Spicer should have information on the possibility of a grant by the early part of next year.

A DNR recreation grant application deadline is April 1, 2013 for 2014 grants.

Spicer provided handouts showing how it has recently assisted municipal clients throughout Michigan with \$1,656,700 in grant funding for recreation projects.

Also at the beginning of the meeting, resident Ruth Bleeker asked the DDA to put up a lighted Christmas tree in an island at Five Points. She was told that area is owned by Wayne County and that the city council would have to deal with her request.

**Trick or Treat in Downtown
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Halloween**

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Jerry Leasure of Romulus plays with his pugs, from left, Fallon, Brutus, Vinnie, and Lukis (back to camera) at the Southeastern Michigan Pug Play Group event on Sunday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Leasure coordinates the Pug-N-Play event that used to meet in a pet store. He said Sunday's event worked well at the fairgrounds and they will be meeting there again for the next Pug-N-Play from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 18. About 25 pugs had dressed up for Halloween and the crowd voted for the favorites: 1st place went to a hippo, 2nd was a tie -- skunk and bumble bee, third several dinosaurs, 4th a lady bug, and 5th the banana.

VBT Fire Fighters to conduct live fire training burn this Saturday

The Van Buren Fire Department will be conducting a live fire training burn from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 6428 Haggerty Road between Ecorse and Van Born roads.

The training exercise will consist of six interior drills where firefighters and command officers can sharpen their fire attack, ventilation, search and rescue, hose advancement, and ladder raising skills in a controlled training scenario. At the end of the interior drills the house will then be allowed to be consumed by fire and leveled in a controlled setting.

The fire department's training staff will follow the National Fire Protection Association's Standard on live-fire training

in order to ensure the proper requirements and safety standards are followed, said Fire Chief Dan Besson.

The training is being organized by Battalion Chief Ron Folks who has overseen multiple live-fire training burns and will offer firefighters a great "classroom" to learn in, Chief Besson said.

"This is an excellent training opportunity and the fire department is grateful for the following organizations that are making it possible: Ashley Capital Crossroads (who donated the house), the Environmental Quality Company, Belfor Restoration, HVA, and the VB Firefighters Association & Ladies Auxiliary," Besson said.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Voters have many choices on Nov. 6 ballot

U.S. Representative, 12th District

Three candidates are running for Representative in Congress for the 12th District, which includes Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

Cynthia Kallgren, 1811 Superior Blvd., Wyandotte, a Republican, is challenging the incumbent, John Dingell, who is seeking his 30th term in Congress. Kallgren, 52, has been married to Scott for 30 years and they have four children: Scott, Joye, Hope and David. She has lived her entire life in the Downriver area.

She is owner of a small business, Creative Memories, and former part-time teacher. She studied deaf education and music at MSU and earned a B.A. in social science from EMU. She ran unsuccessfully for State Representative in 2010.

Kallgren said the most important of this state's challenges is "getting our economy moving again so that jobs and people will return. I want to ensure that we leave to our children and grandchildren a country that is financially stronger and independent. I am pro-jobs and pro-family!"

She is endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan P.A.C. and Citizens for Traditional Values and rated AQ by the NRA.

John D. Dingell, 5208 Royal Vale Ln., Dearborn, a Democrat, is the longest-serving member of the United States House of Representatives in history and serves as the Dean of the House.

He did not return his questionnaire from the *Independent*, but his credentials are easily accessed.

He serves exclusively as a senior member on the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee.

In his 58 years in Congress, Dingell, age 86, has authored many laws, including the 1990 Clean Air Act, and the 1957 Civil Rights Act. He was a leader in ushering through the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1965.

He was born July 8, 1926 in Colorado Springs, CO, and much of his childhood was divided between Detroit and Washington, D.C., because his father, also named John, served as Congressman from Michigan's 15th district.

He is a veteran of World War II. He has worked as a park ranger, a prosecuting attorney for Wayne County and ran his own private law practice. In 1955, after his

father died while still serving in Congress, the younger Dingell ran for Congress and won, at the age of 29. He's been there ever since.

He is a devout Catholic, has four grown children and many grandchildren, and has been married to Debbie Insley Dingell for 30 years.

Richard Secula, 8802 Thorntree Dr., Grosse Ile, a Libertarian, is also running for the seat. Secula, 67, is married to Darlene and they have two children, Shellie and Tarcey. He is Lutheran and was born in Hancock, MI.

Secula has been a millwright at the Ford Motor Co. since 1970 and is in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army Reserves. He attended the U of M and WSU.

Secula served on the Grosse Ile Township Board as a trustee from 1978-80, and was liaison to the planning commission.

U.S. Representative, 11th District

Because of the abrupt resignation of Thaddeus McCotter last summer, voters of the current 11th district, (which includes Belleville and Van Buren) are being asked to elect a Congressperson to serve out McCotter's term, which is until the end of this year.

Kerry Bentivolio, 260 White Pine Trl., Milford, a Republican, is seeking this brief term as well as the full term in the new 11th district which does not include Belleville, Van Buren, or Sumpter.

Bentivolio, age 61, is married to Karen and have two children, Kristin and Kevin, and three grandchildren. He has been living in the 11th district for 30 years. He is a teacher with a BA from St. Mary's College and a MA from Marygrove College.

He ran unsuccessfully for the state senate in 2010. He belongs to the VFW, American Legion, and Amvets and is a veteran of two foreign wars, Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom.

Bentivolio said he is running for Congress because, "I saw the future of my children and my grandchildren being damaged by the massive amount of spending that Washington was doing. I also personally experienced the inefficiencies in our treatment of our veterans, and to me, they were unacceptable. Something needed to be done, so I decided to run for Congress."

Bentivolio said his three priorities upon being elected to Congress are: Repealing

Obamacare, tax reform and promoting real economic growth, and cutting the deficit.

David A. Curson, 14094 Winding Pond Ln., Van Buren Township, a Democrat, is making his first bid for elective political office.

Curson, 63, is married to Sharon and they have three children, David Jr., Lisa Beard, and Katie Curson, and two grandchildren, Peyton and Parker Beard.

He is executive assistant to the secretary treasurer of the UAW, Dennis Williams. Curson attended Washtenaw County Community College, University of Toledo, EMU and U of M.

He has lived in the Belleville area since 1980. Curson is a Marine Corps veteran and served in the infantry in Viet Nam.

Upon returning from the service in 1970, he went to work at Ford's Rawsonville Plant, where he became a journeyman Diemaker. He also became an appointed and elected officer in his local union.

"As a Congressman, I will have the privilege to vote during the important lame-duck session in the final days of the 112th U.S. Congress," Curson said.

"The issues I will vote to enhance and protect are: job creation, affordable health care, Social Security and Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans to avoid paying their fair share, veterans' affairs, oversight and regulation of Wall Street, and a stop to the relentless attack on the wages and benefits of our first responders, public service employees and teachers, to mention a few."

He said although this election represents a short time of service in public office, he believes it is an important time and worth the hard work and sacrifices required to achieve election.

John J. Tatar, P.O. Box 510104, Livonia, age 63, is running as a Libertarian.

He is the father of John III and Carrie.

Tatar retired after serving as a teacher for 31 years and he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves after 31 years. He has BS and MS degrees and Command and General Staff training in the U.S. Army.

He belongs to NESAs, NRA, and MEA and enjoys sailing, music (playing his accordion, guitar, banjo, and singing),

woodworking, gardening and cooking.

Tatar said he is running for Congress because, whether Republicans or Democrats are in charge, America has been at war for well over 100 years.

"It is time for a change! If we keep on voting for a Democrat or Republican we will continue to receive the same. If we the American people don't take a stand and pick up our pen to protect our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness while we still can, we will do nothing when our back is against the wall and there is no option left."

He said his goals include limiting government to the U.S. Constitution, ending the Federal Reserve private banking cartel, repealing the Patriot Act, getting rid of smart meters and cameras on street corners, reducing control and power of corporations and bringing truth back to advertising, among others.

Tatar said he wants to end the wars and bring American troops home and return Public Servants to the duty of being Public Servants.

Marc J. Sosnowski, 8488 Kinloch St., Dearborn Heights, is running on the U.S. Taxpayers ticket. He did not return his questionnaire from the *Independent*.

State Representative, 21st District

Joe Barnabei, 12426 Hannan Road, Van Buren Township, is running for political office for the first time and is on the Republican ticket. The 21st District serves Canton, Belleville, and Van Buren Township.

Barnabei, age 32, has lived in this district all of his life. He and his wife Wendy have two children, Jacey, 4, and A.J., 2.

He is a recruiting manager for Beacon Hill Technologies' Michigan operations. He holds dual MBAs with one focused in management and the other focused in healthcare management. He recently held a session at the Bayou Grill to help local people find jobs.

He is an active volunteer for Angels of Hope Foundation and says he helps others whenever he can. He is an American auto enthusiast and has been building cars since a very young age. He also enjoys kayaking the Huron River, snowmobiling, and just about anything he can do with his family.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Plan ahead for how to cast ballot in the General Election

There are many decisions on the Nov. 6 ballot besides the main one of President of the United States. Wise voters are coming up with plans to make the process efficient.

Every municipal clerk's office has sample ballots ready to give out for study. Each ballot has two sheets, with questions on the fronts and backs – four pages in all.

At Tuesday's Sumpter Township Board meeting, Trustee Bill Hamm said he has studied the sample ballot and marked his choices. He said he will spend just five minutes in the voting booth since he will be simply transferring his choices onto the official ballot.

That's one way to do it. Others are getting absentee ballots to fill out at home in their easy chairs. While Sumpter Township usually has just 200 or so voting absentee, it already has 1,000 absentee ballots out for this election. Other local clerks report large numbers.

We have provided information on some of the local candidates, but there are many others on your ballot. The League of Women Voters had piles of voter guides available at Belleville City Hall and at the township halls to help, but at VBT they are already gone.

Six state proposals and five county proposals take up the third and fourth pages of the ballot. In Sumpter, the police renewal millage is at the very end of the ballot. Make your plans now on how smart you're going to vote.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

One of our readers told about running into coyotes in Belle Villa when he was out walking his little dog at midnight recently. He said he walked around a corner and there were two coyotes standing between two houses.

His dog got all snarly, but he picked his dog up and the two coyotes left. His little dog would have been a nice snack for the coyotes, but they didn't want to tangle with a human he said.

Another reader asked if I had heard the coyotes calling out last Thursday night in southern Van Buren Township. I didn't hear them because I was inside listening to the Tigers howl.

The Belleville Central Business Community got some extra hot dogs and buns for Harvest Fest because they thought they'd have to have more due to the Fire Department's 100th celebration, which was the same day and was sure to draw many people. Well, it turns out the CBC needed about what it needed last year. The extra people expected didn't come probably because of the rain.

It was a nice crowd, but not much bigger than usual.

So, the extra 50 hot dogs and buns were carried across the street from the Harvest Fest to the First United Methodist Church to go in the Community Food Closet. It was very convenient and the church was very grateful for the donation to the hungry people it feeds.

The Gallo family of Blissfield brought two old fire engines for the Oct. 13 parade in Belleville. Both engines are kept in a



large family pole barn. The father brought his F250 Ranger 4x4 that was retired from Beattyville, KY Fire Department in February 2012.

His son Joe brought his 1961 Ward LaFrance that had been used in Texas but retired from a fire department in Alabama. He paid \$2,000 for the truck.

Joe got the trophy from the Belleville Fire Department for having a piece of fire equipment brought the farthest for the parade. Must have been parked in the back of the pole barn.

Bob Stoner, who lives on the lake, said his hickory trees seem to predict the weather. When there are a lot of hickory nuts falling, we're in for a hard winter. The hickory nuts are falling in great abundance these days.

In the summer of 2011 he said there were about 10% of the hickory nuts compared to today's amount and we had a mild winter. We'll see if the nuts are right.

Speed Gant called to point out that I got my letters mixed up in a headline on last week's front page. It should have been CDBG, referring to the Community Development Block Grant, instead of CDGB, which somehow was printed. Thanks, Speed.

One of our subscribers asked if we would be printing the ballot proposals which are lengthy and take up a lot of space. I am happy to report that Sumpter Township has

printed them all in their election legal notice in today's paper. So those who haven't picked up a sample ballot can read Sumpter's notice, since all the State and Wayne County proposals are the same for all of us in Wayne County (pages 21-22).

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees is holding its second day of budget hearings today, starting at 8:30 a.m. and running through 4 p.m., with an hour break for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

In the morning, the board will hear budget requests from the senior department, museum, cable department, and parks and recreation. After lunch, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, and Supervisor White will give their budget proposals for their offices.

All day Wednesday, the board heard budget requests from public safety, building and planning, and water and sewer departments. These are open to the public and very interesting since it gives an inside look into township functions.

On Saturday morning I saw many, many young people in soccer uniforms and many, many vehicles parked at the front of Wayne County Community College's campus on Haggerty Road. The new soccer field there is simply great.



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Letters

We need information to be proactive with kids

To the Editor,

A middle school student was assaulted in the bathroom at Keystone Academy a couple of weeks ago due to a new “game” that boys are playing called “sack-tapping”. This involves punching or kicking another boy in the groin. There are also other names for this.

The student that was assaulted luckily only ended up with a broken thumb, however, could have been much worse. He could have been damaged for life! The student that actually broke the other student’s thumb was only suspended for not even a full day of school and the parent was told that the consequences would have been more severe if they had known the extent of the injuries at the time but now they could not “play double jeopardy”.

The parent of the injured student was also told that “kids will play their games and every year all the classes come up with new ones, such as ‘Touchin Tooties’”. The parent then questioned the Dean and Principal if they were going to send a correspondence out to parents about these so-called “games” so that the parents can be aware of it and the Dean replied back (in an email not meant for the parent but sent anyway) “do we really want to cause an uprising of parents on this issue since it is not rampant in our school, please advise”. This email was meant for the principal.

I for one would be very upset at the school since they are picking and choosing what they inform the parents about. There was a write up last week about a middle school student walking out of the school in the middle of the day and that correspondence was sent out to parents about this issue. I, for one, NEVER received a correspondence and have asked numerous other families

and they have not either.

We as parents need to stand on a united front against the school system and not allow them or let them think they can inform us of what they want us to know.

Why does Keystone think they need to protect their “perfect image”? How many more cases are out there that are not being talked about and we parents do not know about? We have a right to know what is going on inside the school. It is not up to the administration to decide for us what we should know.

If I receive a notification of something like this, the first thing I would do is ask my son/daughter about what is going on and may be appalled at what I find out.

I have asked a couple of students about what is going on in the school and was told that these “games” are always going on. When asked why they do not report it, they state “the teachers will not do anything, anyway”. This is sad!

Parent relations at Heritage Academies claim that it is good enough that the teachers sat the middle schoolers down and told them that this is inappropriate and there will be consequences. They have also supposedly ramped up monitoring the bathrooms and that since a detective was in the school questioning students this has eliminated the “games”.

But my question is for how long? This is only a deterrent for a little while. How many more children have to be bullied in the bathroom or how many more children have to get injured or, worse, be damaged for life?

Parents have a right to know what is going on. It is not up to school to make that decision of what WE as parents should know. How are we as parents supposed to aid in keeping our children and others safe if we cannot be proactive?

Concerned Parent

Editor’s Note: We have been informed that the “victim” has filed criminal charges against another student and a detective did come out to talk to the principal. The detective did not talk to the students. Doing so would not be legal without a parent’s approval. The students involved were six eighth graders. Under National Heritage Academy rules, the principal was not allowed to talk to the *Independent* on this subject, but Mike Meyer, a Crisis Communicator in Lansing gave us a call. He said the matter was handled internally without alarming parents, which he said would not have served a good purpose. He said, “It didn’t need to be broadcast to everyone.”

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Joan Elaine Rice

JOAN ELAINE RICE

(April 20, 1942 -- October 16, 2012)
Joan Elaine Rice, 70, was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on April 20, 1942. She departed on October 16, 2012 and resided in Belleville, MI since 1975.
She was the beloved wife of Franklin O. Rice; loving mother of Paul (Tammy G.) Rice, Rhonda (Rick) Napier, Ron (Tammy L.) Rice, Julie (Philip) Bongiorno and Melanie (Donald) McCoy; beloved grandmother of 12 grandchildren Justin, Leah, Erin, Ryanne, Bradley and Brenden Rice, Zander Napier, Zachary, Chase and Alec Bongiorno, Jordyn Ford and Donovan McCoy; and dear sister of Jim, John and Nancy Lang. She was preceded in death by her beloved father Norman Lang and mother Jessie Lang.
Arrangements were by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Service was held October 20, 2012 with interment in Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti.



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Elizabeth A. Caves

ELIZABETH JANE CAVES

(January 24, 1923 - October 16, 2012)

Elizabeth Jane Caves, age 89, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center-University of Livonia. She was born January 24, 1923 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

She was a member of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed baking and making candy and most of all, spending time with her grandkids. She also enjoyed painting, especially house painting.

Elizabeth is survived by five children Barbara Jane (Larry) Atkin of Covington, VA, Mary Lou (Kent) Hazelwood of Stayton, OR, Susan (Merv) Auchtung of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville, MI and Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 73 years, Thomas James Caves, Jr. on August 13, 2012, also a brother Jack Myers.

Visitation was 3-8 p.m. Thursday, October 18, with a 3 p.m. Funeral Friday, October 19, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Minister Mark McGilvrey officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Church of Christ or Angela Hospice and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Leota Anne 'Sam' Engerson

LEOTA A. ENGERSON

(November 1, 1939 -- October 20, 2012)

Ms. Leota Anne "Sam" Engerson passed away on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born November 1, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan a daughter of Ellory Lowell and Dorothy May (Jones) Engerson.

Ms. Engerson enjoyed playing yatzee, reading, camping and cooking for family and friends. Throwing parties for her family was a passion of hers. She was a champion shopper. She will be remembered for a happy-go-lucky personality. Prior to her retirement in September of 2011 she was the owner of Play It Again Sam in Belleville for 25 years.

Ms Engerson is survived by her 4 loving children; Bonnie (Scott) Beuschlein, George "Jay" (Karen) Youschuk, Holly Youschuk and Steve (Dawn) Youschuk. Fond grandmother of 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Sister of John (Audrey) Engerson, Bill (Anne) Engerson and Bob Engerson. Preceded in death by 2 grandsons Brian Youschuk and Jeffrey Ringer.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400).

Visitation was held on Monday, October 22, 2012 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan. The family has suggested memorial contributions to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201. www.hnfhome.com

BARBARA NELL MAKAREWICH

(August 25, 1941 - October 17, 2012)

Age 71, of Willis. Survived by third husband, David Makarewicz. She was a member of September Days senior citizens; enjoyed puzzles and golf. Cremation rites have been accorded. David C. Brown Funeral Home



F. Mildred Kauffman

F. MILDRED KAUFFMAN

(June 13, 1915 - October 21, 2012)

F. Mildred Kauffman, age 97 of Wayne, MI, passed away Sunday, October 21, 2012 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, MI. She was born June 13, 1915 in Washington, IN, daughter of James & Della Mae (Dayton) Sutherland.

Millie was a member of the First Baptist Church, Wayne, MI. She loved her church, her family, and especially time spent with her grandchildren.

She is survived by three children Robert D. (Esther) McQuaid of St. Petersburg, FL, Judith C. (Ted) Klein of Wayne, MI and Keith B. (Kathy) McQuaid of Belleville, MI; 11 step-children Walter E. (Rose) McQuaid of Dearborn Heights, MI, Kenneth A. McQuaid of Tuscon, AZ, Elwood (Maxine) McQuaid of Lynchburg, VA, Gail (Jack) Attard of Farmington Hills, MI, Sharon (William) Hook of Belleville, CA, Leroy (June) Case of Michigan, Naomi (Bill) Hoeflinger of Three Rivers, MI, Donald Case, Jonathon Case and Earl (Doris) Case; 56 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Dale Winiger, second husband Elwood A. McQuaid, third husband Lester Case, and her fourth husband Ralph H. Kauffman;

three sisters Dorothy Forman, Mabel Russ, and Virginia Sutherland; two brothers Burt and James Sutherland, Jr.; a step-son Eldon Case; also a step-daughter Marilyn Krick.

Visitation was 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr, Belleville. Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185, with visitation 10-11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be 2:30 p.m. in Soop Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to Gideon Bible and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com

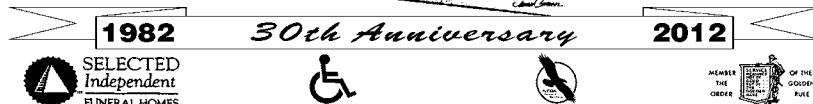
Nov. 2 bowling fund raiser to benefit Rich, Shelly Brown Willick

A bowling fund raiser to benefit Rich and Shelly Brown Willick will be held, with registration at 6 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 2, at Lodge Lanes, 46255 S. I-94 Service Drive.

The Willicks lost everything in the fire that destroyed the David C. Brown Funeral Home. For a donation of \$20 participants receive 3 games (9 pin no tap) and pizza. There will be a cash bar and a basket raffle. Bowling will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Organizations, businesses and individuals wishing to help may donate baskets for the raffle. Baskets may be dropped off at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce office or at Lodge Lanes on the day of the event.

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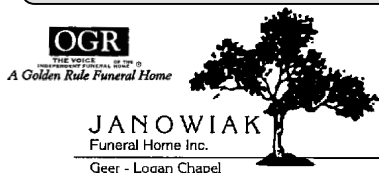
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Barnabei said he is running for office because he loves this state and he wants his kids to share the same passion for Michigan that he has.

"Rebuilding Michigan starts with our economy and that is my area of expertise," he said. "There is not a magic bullet that will fix our problems and we must look at past experiences, our present situation, and our path for the future and make decisions based on all three variables."

"My ideas are practical and non-partisan and were created by my personal experiences on the assembly line and as an employment professional."

He said Michigan's three biggest issues are: lack of skilled labor, education, and industrial diversification.

Barnabei said he is the best choice for State Representative because his area of expertise is the job market; his financial contributors are split between Democrats, Independents, and Republicans because he brings common sense and integrity to the table, not party affiliation; he has kept his campaign positive and factual and focused on integrity; his campaign is funded by the people and he urges everyone to compare Rep. Slavens' campaign finance report (available on the Secretary of State's website) and his to determine what is real and what is rhetoric; and the last election cycle, where Rep. Slavens spent about \$20 per vote which was twice the amount of any other representative.

"I will not exceed 35 cents per vote and I am happy with what I have accomplished and proud to say I did not sell out," Barnabei said.

Dian Slavens, 6000 Hidden Ct., Canton, is running for reelection to the State Representative position on the Democratic ticket. She did not return her questionnaire to the *Independent*.

She and her husband Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens have three children, Damey, Patrick and Molly and one grandson, Evan.

She has lived in Canton for more than 20 years and holds an associate degree in applied science and certification as a respiratory therapist from Oakland Community College.

She is serving her second term as state representative. Before joining the House in 2009, she worked as a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years in Southeast Michigan hospitals.

She was instrumental in passing the statewide ban on smoking in most indoor places in Michigan, including bars and restaurants. She also championed a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers and voluntarily gave up the expensive perk for herself.



State Representative, 17th District Sumpter Township

Bill LaVoy, 725 Saint Anne Lane, Monroe, is running for state representative on the Democratic ticket in the new 17th District, which includes Sumpter Township. He did not return his questionnaire from the *Independent*.



LaVoy is a lifelong resident of Monroe County. His has stated his priorities as: restore funding for public schools, protect and preserve the Great Lakes, bring business to Michigan to create jobs, and ensure fiscal responsibility.

He is married to Michelle Degraer and they have two daughters, Grace and Carolyn. His parents are William LaVoy, former Circuit Court Judge, and Carolyn, former principal of Orchard Alternative High School.

LaVoy attended St. Michael's Grade School and Monroe Catholic Central High School. He continued his education at the University of Michigan. He was the Executive Director of Monroe Public Access Cable Television (MPACT).

He served on many boards including the City of Monroe Airport Board and the Monroe Cable Television Committee. As a member of the Rotary Club of Monroe he served as President and on the Board of Directors. He also chaired the Major Firms Division of the *United Way* during the 2011 Campaign.

LaVoy is a life member of the National Rifle Association and North American Hunting Club. Additionally, he holds memberships in Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Ducks Unlimited, Monroe County Rod and Gun Club, Monroe Golf and Country Club and the Michigan Democratic Party. He and his family are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Anne Rossio, 1578 Monroe St., Carleton, is running for state representative as a Republican. Rossio, age 29, has lived in the district for 28 years, 7 months, and this is her first try for elective office.

She is a substitute teacher/law student and expects to get her law degree from WSU in 2013. Before that she was employed at Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center as an Interpreter (naturalist) for five years.

She earned a BS degree in Psychology/Biology at Northern Michigan University. She belongs to the NRA, MCRGO, Monroe Moose, Flat Rock Elks, and volunteers at various capacities at Monroe Public Schools. Hobbies include distance running, mountain biking, and, in the past, dog sled racing.

"I believe I can make a difference in

Lansing. I've seen more and more people leaving Michigan because they are unable to provide for their families here.

"We need to continue with programs and solutions that have worked to help start to restore and grow our economy while also creating jobs. With all of my teaching experience and involvement with the public schools, education is a top priority for me."

Wayne County Commission 11th District

Robert Stano, 8909 Millington Ct., Belleville, Republican, is running for this position and did not return his questionnaire to the *Independent*.

Kevin M. McNamara, 45768 Prairiegrass Ct., Van Buren Township, Democrat, is running for reelection and did not return his questionnaire to the *Independent*, but information on him is easily accessible.

McNamara has served the Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter areas as county commissioner for the past six years. He said he collaborated with the Wayne County Road Commission and the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority to join the DDA's resources with federal road funds to reconstruct an unsafe and cumbersome intersection at Belleville Road and Ecorse that began this summer.

McNamara recently was named to the Wayne County Airport Authority Board and he also serves as chair of the youth services committee of the Wayne County Commission, a standing committee that he urged his colleagues to form in 2011 to ensure that youth programs continue to be funded appropriately, especially juvenile services.

He also serves as vice chair of the committee on public services, which oversees the county's roads and bridges and parks and recreation operations.

McNamara serves as a member of the ways and means committee; public safety committee; technology task force; and the transparency in Wayne County Government taskforce. Additionally, he is a member of the Wayne County Head Start Governing Board.

McNamara is a delegate to SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan's regional planning agency, where he serves on the executive and finance committees. He is also active on committees which oversee transportation and infrastructure projects.

When District 11 was redrawn, McNamara moved to Van Buren Township, because where he lived in Canton wasn't in this district.

The districts were redrawn as a result of the 2010 U.S. Census results. The original district's population grew by 12.9 percent, largely fueled by the growth in Canton and Van Buren.



Keith Butkovich, 4424 Second St., Wayne, is running for the county commission as a Libertarian. Butkovich, 28, is unmarried with no children and has lived in the district for five years.

He is a grocery store clerk with a high school diploma from Lamphere High School in Madison Heights.

He never ran for elective office before, but did apply for a vacancy on the Wayne City Council.

He is treasurer of the Wayne County Libertarian Party, a member of the Michigan Libertarian Executive Committee, regular attendee of Wayne City Council meetings, and avid baseball and football fan. He loves to travel around the U.S.

Butkovich said he is running for office because he feels the current governing of the county is not efficient. He said the spending and departments need to be drastically reduced.

"There are also too many anti-business and anti-personal freedom ordinances on the books which need to be reviewed and repealed," he said. "I'd also want more accountability for all departments, including the county executive."

His goals include getting government costs reduced and creating more efficiency in county government. He would like to sell both Metro and Willow Run airports to private entities.

"This would create a better management, while actually creating more revenue for Romulus and Van Buren Township," he said.



Four run for two seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Ed.

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education – 2 seats

Four candidates are running for two, four-year positions on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Toni L. Hunt, age 57, of 49885 Willis Road, Sumpter Township, is running for re-election to the board, on which she currently serves as treasurer.

She is the mother of two children, who both graduated from Belleville High School, and two grandchildren who are enrolled at Savage Elementary School.

Hunt works as a paraprofessional in special education at the Lincoln Consolidated Schools. She is a Lincoln High School graduate and earned a BS in Human Resources Administration at Concordia University.

She said she loves to read, restore old furniture, and collect antiques and art. She also is an enthusiastic supporter of Van Buren Public Schools bands and athletics.

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"The first time I ran for school board, I was unhappy with the negative changes I saw in our schools and community," Hunt said. "It has taken a long time, but we have finally turned the corner and are heading in the right direction. I want to continue to push to make our schools better and to keep the focus where it has always belonged, on students and student learning."



"It isn't about 'scores' as some suggest. It is about true learning where students leave this school district prepared to live, learn and work successfully in the 21st century. Test scores should be secondary to true learning. If students are learning, the scores will take care of themselves."

Hunt named 11 "attainable goals" once she is re-elected, including student safety, learning, quality education, preparing students for all facets of the 21st century, maintaining a balanced budget, to continue to open schools for community use, and to continue to encourage relationships between schools, churches, businesses, foundations, and charities.

Kathleen Kovach, age 60, 47097 Bemis Rd., Sumpter Township, has filed as a candidate for a four-year seat on the school board.

She is seeking to move up from her former position as administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools. She retired in June after 20 years with the school district. This is her first try for elected office.



She is married to Phillip Kovach and they have three children, Laura Tan, Mary Hyde, and Michelle Kovach, and two grandchildren, Victoria, 6, and Alessandra, 10 weeks. She has lived in the school district for 38 years.

Kovach said she attended college, but did not finish a degree. Her hobbies include quilting, sewing, reading, and babysitting.

In explaining why she is running for office, Kovach said: "I had a great career at Van Buren Public Schools and now that I am retired I want to give back and share my skills with the district and community."

"I worked with five superintendents and I know what works and what doesn't work. It seems that all you hear are negative comments regarding public education and I would like to change that view. VBPS offers a great education for our students and I want to share that with the community."

Regarding her goals, Kovach said, "If I am elected I will work to strengthen the relationship between the district and our community. Van Buren has a great deal to offer our students. I would be a very positive voice for our district and hope that

I get the chance to show the community what a good education students receive to prepare them for the future."

Kelly Owen, age 49, 42607 Maude Court, Van Buren Township, also is running for the school board.

She earned an associate's degree from Washtenaw County Community College and is currently a stay-at-home mom.



She is married to Kyle and they have three children: Kendall, Kameron, and Karlee. She has lived in the district for 18 years.

She is very active in supporting the schools and is a member of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation, the BHS Band Boosters, and Owen Intermediate School PTO volunteer.

Her hobbies are beading and scrapbooking.

Owen said she is running for office because she "cares about our children's education and making our district the best it can be. I have been a parent volunteer in our schools for the past 12 years and have loved every moment of it. I enjoy working with and getting to know the students, teachers, administrators and staff. I believe that our children's education is not only left up to the teachers, but that parents are a big part of that also."

Owen said she is a hard worker, a good listener, and is very dedicated and passionate about children's education.

"I know that I can contribute positively to our children's education and make a difference in the community, which is why I am running for school board."

Once elected, Owen said, "Generally, my goals are the same as many parents and community members: To create more educational opportunities for our children, keep the schools a safe place to learn, and concentrate on school funding during these hard economic times."

"I am willing to work hard and do the best job I possibly can in making important decisions concerning our children's education," she said.

Owen said school funding is a problem, along with nutrition, safety in the schools, test scores and there will be new issues that arise in the future. She said she will address each issue with an open mind and remain committed to the school district in helping the students receive the best education possible.

Benjamin Ross, age 36, 12815 Lake Pointe Pass, Van Buren Township, is a special education teacher in a neighboring district, which he does not name. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. This is his first try for elective office.

He is married to Rebecca Ross, who is assistant principal at Owen Intermediate School.

Ross is a member of the Michigan Education Association, Yankee Air

Museum, and Belleville Area Historical Society.

"I am running for a seat on the Board of Education in the Nov. 6 election because I believe I can make a difference. I am qualified to serve the community on the School Board based on my wide range of experience."

"As a teacher in a neighboring district, I relate to the numerous issues that our teachers and support staff face. I am a leader in the MEA, so I stay updated on legal issues and the changing political climate including funding challenges."

"I am pursuing a master's degree in Educational Leadership and my wife is an administrator so I have a healthy appreciation for the demands of the district leaders. I bring a fresh perspective and unique insight that will benefit the school district and our community."



Ross said as a candidate, he has three main goals: safe schools, high student achievement, and open lines of communication.

He said children who feel safe are academically more successful. Also, a mission of high student achievement is extremely important.

Thirdly, he said he believes that the Board of Education must value community input and recognize citizens as a resource.

"Taxpayers have a history of supporting our schools evidenced by overwhelming attendance at events at our new, state-of-the-art Belleville High School. The employees have negotiated reduced compensation packages and continue to spend out of their own pockets for the good of the community's children."

"The Board must honor their dedication by taking a proactive approach to planning, student count, staffing, and budgeting."

"We need to build solid relationships with families and employees with a commitment to honesty, transparency, and great accessibility. Citizens deserve an accountable and cohesive Board focused on improving the education experience of this community," he said.

[At the recent candidates' forum put on by the Belleville Area Women's Club, Ross did not explain his obvious discomfort on the stage, as he waited to speak. He recently had back surgery, where his back was broken and reset, to repair damage from an accident in his 20s that was causing him problems now.]



Four run for three seats on Belleville Area District Library Board

George Chedraue, a Belleville attorney, is an outside candidate for a seat on the Belleville Area District Library Board. There are four running for three seats open on the board, and all three incumbents are seeking reelection.



Chedraue, age 58, 240 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, is married to Amalia Lozano Chedraue and they have lived in the library district for 10 years.

He served as an elected member of the Belleville City Council from 2005 to 2009 and did not seek re-election.

Chedraue explained why he is running for the library board: "To assure that the voice of the community will be heard since that input is not being heeded by the current board members."

"Further, to work together with the citizens of the tri-community and their elected leaders in having an input as to where the library is to be built, the size of the library and the contents therein."

Chedraue said, his first and foremost goal once elected "is to have a new library, one that the community will be proud to call their own. Other goals are the funding of the library (the existing and/or new library) and the staff of the library."

"The funding for the current library barely sustains the functions therein. Maintenance to the current building, albeight either minor or major repairs, is a constant drain of funds that could be used for the betterment of the resources. Thus, to have more funds the board will either have to seek alternative funding methods or request that the community assist in the funding method."

"As to the staff: the community should be proud of the staff therein. There is no better staff and no better workers. They do require more aides to help and assist the patrons. This is an issue that needs to be addressed," he said.

Joy Cichewicz, age 51, 49885 Willis Road, Sumpter Township, is running for re-election to the board, on which she currently serves as secretary.

She has lived in the library district for 20 years. She was appointed to the interim district library board by Sumpter Township and currently also serves on the Sumpter Township Planning Commission.



She is married to Richard and they have three children Melanie Bell, Andrew Cichewicz and Derek Cichewicz. There also are three grandchildren Austin, Jaiden,

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and Aaron.

Cichewicz is librarian at the Ypsilanti District Library and Branch Manager of the Downtown Branch.

She earned a B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1995, with a major in psychology and minor in social work. Her master of library science degree came from Wayne State University in 1997.

She is a member of the American Library Association, Southeast Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild, and International Society of Glass Beadmakers.

Her hobbies include glass working, jewelry making, gardening, cooking, playing with her grandchildren, walking, and dancing.

Cichewicz said she was running for this office because, "I've been a librarian for 15 years, worked in libraries for about 20 years, am currently the manager of Downtown Ypsilanti District Library, my husband is the current Treasurer of the BADL Friends of the Library and my daughter is the network administrator for the Chelsea District Library.

"Obviously, I'm very invested in libraries! I strongly believe that public libraries have an important part in leveling the playing field in society. As a kid from a low-income background, I hung out in libraries, checking out every book in their collection on horses, crafts, cooking, and science experiments.

"Back then they also had 'films strips' and LP records. I checked out hundreds and hundreds of items. That was a major part of my self-education. As a young mother, I took my kids to the library for endless story books, while I was going to school and working.

"Libraries made a major difference in helping me find a path out of poverty. They provided free books for my children, and resources that helped me get through school.

"As a librarian, I've watched the difference we can make in people's lives by helping them navigate the Internet, find the resources they need, educate themselves, and increasingly, libraries have become the 'third place', where people hangout, connect to each other, attend programs, engage in activities with their community. Libraries make a meaningful and dramatic difference in the lives of people who take advantage of their resources."

She said her goals, once re-elected, would be: "To do my part to get the library settled into a larger main library and a branch in Sumpter Township; to continue to be a part of decisions that will make the library an integral part of the community; and to help to guide the operations of the library."

John Juriga, age 67, of 327 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, is running for re-election to the board.

He is married to Deborah and they have three sons: Justin, Travis and Jesse. He has lived in the library district for 44 years.

Juriga is a retired teacher from the Romulus Schools. He earned his B.S. in Industrial Education from Murray State

University in Kentucky and his M.A. from EMU, plus 10 hours towards a Specialist degree at MSU.

Juriga has served nine years on the City of Belleville Planning Commission and before that had served three years on the Van Buren Planning Commission. He also is on the city's Board of Canvassers and the Façade Committee for the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

He started three Boys & Girls Clubs and is on the Advisory Council for Belleville and Romulus clubs. He also is on the Arts Council, serves as church trustee, in senior transportation, museum and historical society trustee.

Juriga has spent much time as a Peace Corps and Red Cross volunteer, which included helping to rebuild in Texas after hurricane Rita, rebuilding senior housing in Moscow, Russia in 1991, volunteering to a mission in Haiti in 1986, and building an elementary/junior high school in Jamaica in 1967-68.

Juriga said he is running for re-election because, "I feel this area deserves a quality library. I have been an educator all of my life and the library has a special place in education."

Once re-elected, "My goals include getting a larger library that will house more computers (computer lab), more books for all ages, various size meeting rooms, room(s) for tutoring, quiet reading area, a large children's area, and coffee shop.

"I envision a community library where people can not only come to read, learn, and use computers but also hold meetings and special events such as plays, concerts, and conferences.

"I would continue to pursue a multi-story library overlooking the lake or a library located in the downtown area and the feasibility of using solar energy," Juriga said.

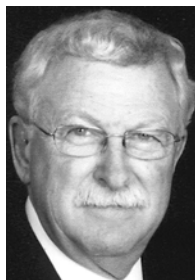
Michael Boelter, 20121 Martinsville Road, Sumpter Township, is running for re-election. He has lived in the library district for the past eight years.

He graduated with the class of 1976 from Lincoln High School and attended State of Michigan Trades School 1977-79 and the Detroit Painters' Apprenticeship School in 1980.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church of Belleville and enjoys archery, golf, and cards.

"I was first appointed to serve on the library board by Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters, then elected to my first term two years ago by the voters of Van Buren, Sumpter, and Belleville.

"As Fred C. Fischer was my great-grandfather, the library was always a very



special place for our family. I feel almost a sense of duty to be a trustee on this board, not only to represent the heritage of my family, but to see the library grow in the future.

"I have worked the last 34 years as a painting and decorating contractor and, like everyone else, pay taxes. I feel it's important to have people on the board that are fiscally responsible."

As far as his goals, once re-elected, Boelter said, "I know the economy has slowed, housing prices have dropped. I have seen the effects in my own business and I'm proud that I was able to weather the storm.

"Like everyone else on the board, I have

only one goal, to bring a new library to our area. A library that would be not only a place to become informed, but also a meeting and gathering place, and a place that we, the community, can call our own. It would be a library tailored to fit our needs and one that is different from any other," he said.

Boelter promised to make good decisions for all that live in the library district.

"I believe that our community is well on the road to recovery," Boelter said. "Along with the new Belleville High School, a new District Library would continue to attract quality people who want to live, learn, work and play here."

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Township candidates mostly unopposed on Nov. 6 ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In Sumpter Township, all the Democratic candidates for township office are unopposed on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

In Van Buren Township, there is a Republican running against the four Democrats for four trustee seats, but that is the only opposition on the ballot.

Running for trustee are Republican Ann Frances Fioretto and Democrats Phillip C. Hart, incumbent; Jeffrey L. Jahr, incumbent; Brenda McClanahan; and Reggie Miller.

Although Democrat Linda H. Combs is unopposed on the ballot for the position of supervisor, Larry Fix has launched a write-in campaign to oppose her.

Fix ran as a Democrat in the August

primary and came in with 450 votes for supervisor, with Combs getting more than twice as many votes. This is the fifth time Fix has run for VBT supervisor.

On the ballot in VBT, in addition to Linda Combs for supervisor and the five for four trustee positions, are incumbent Clerk Leon Wright and incumbent Treasurer Sharry Budd.

On the ballot in Sumpter are: Supervisor Johnny Vawters, Clerk Clarence Hoffman, Treasurer John Morgan, and Trustees Alan Bates, Bill Hamm, Peggy Morgan, and Don Swinson.

All are incumbents but Swinson, who has joined the team to fill the place of Trustee Linda Kennedy who became ill last year and hasn't attended a township board meeting in a year and a half.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley presented a special plaque from the city to city fire fighters at the Oct. 15 council meeting, saluting and paying tribute to the department which has had more than 150 volunteer fire fighters over its 100 years of service. From left are Fire Chief Brian Loranger, Fire Captain Kirk Rix, Mayor Conley, and Fire Fighters Colette McClinton, and Matthew Loveland (who is modeling one of the t-shirts with fire department logos on it that the department is selling by orders).

Youth soccer camp starts Nov. 1 at The Indoor Sports Center, Belleville

By Bob Mytych
Independent Sports Editor

A youth soccer camp, aimed at players ages 3-11 years old, is now open for registration for the upcoming camp, set Nov. 1-Dec. 22 at the new facility in Belleville in the Davenport Plaza.



The sports center is in the former location

of Camping World Collision Shop. To register, call (734) 325-2018.

Owner Ryan Taylor (State Farm, Main Street) is offering baseball, batting cages, softball, soccer, football, and lacrosse activities. They're open Monday through Friday, 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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More Letters

Curson explains riddle of 11th District seat

To the Editor,

My name is David Curson and I am a candidate for US Congress in the 11th District, undoubtedly Michigan's most confusing election. I am writing this letter to try and untangle the confusion.

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R) has represented the 11th District since 2003. His current term of office expires on Jan. 2, 2013. In May of this year in a stunning surprise, the election commission determined that McCotter's petitions to validate his candidacy for the 113th Congress contained illegal and forged signatures rendering him ineligible to run for re-election.

Then in yet another surprise move, on July 6, 2012, Congressman McCotter announced his resignation from the 112th Congress effective immediately leaving the citizens of the 11th District without representation in Washington.

Because McCotter's resignation came too late to include candidates for his partial term of office remaining in the 112th Congress to be included on the Aug. 7 regular primary election, which determined the candidates for all of the offices in the regular election, a "special primary election" took place on Sept. 5 to determine the candidates just for the partial term to be on the Nov. 6 ballot. The "special primary election" cost Michigan taxpayers \$650,000.

The Aug. 7 primary resulted in Democrat Dr. Syed Taj facing off with Republican Kerry Bentivolio for the new 11th District congressional seat. The winner's term will begin Jan. 3, 2013 and expire in January 2015.

The Sept. 5, "special primary" election resulted in Democrat David Curson facing off with Republican Kerry Bentivolio for the (partial term) old 11th District congressional seat. This term of office will begin as soon as the election is certified (approx. Nov. 9) and will expire on Jan. 2, 2013.

Think you got it figured out, well hold on, there's more. As a result of the 2010

national census, Michigan's 11th District dramatically changed for the 113th Congress. Voters in the old 11th District who live in Canton Twp., Commerce Twp., Highland Twp., Livonia, Milford Twp., Northville Twp., Novi, Plymouth Twp., Walled Lake, Waterford, White Lake and Wixom will see on their ballot for the Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013 (D) David Curson vs. (R) Kerry Bentivolio, and on the same ballot for the new 11th District (D) Syed Taj vs (R) Kerry Bentivolio.

Voters in the old 11th District who live in Belleville, Dearborn Heights (parts) and Van Buren Twp. will see on their ballot for the Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013 (D) David Curson vs. (R) Kerry Bentivolio, and on the same ballot for the new 12th District (D) John D Dingell vs. (R) Cynthia Kallgren.

Finally, voters of the old 11th District who live in Dearborn Heights (parts), Garden City, Wayne and Westland will see on their ballot for the Partial Term Ending 01/02/2013 - (D) David A. Curson vs. (R) Kerry Bentivolio, and on the same ballot for the new 13th District (D) John Conyers Jr. vs. (R) Harry T. Sawicki.

I hope that this letter helps the voters of the old 11th District navigate through the confusion and fully participate in our greatest act of freedom, the right to vote.

David A Curson, Van Buren Township
Candidate for Congress
Michigan's 11th District (partial term)

Why an oval is so important to VBT!

To the Editor:

In the past I have written letters exposing a wide range of topics that involve Van Buren Township's (VBT) so-called leaders and their poor decisions. These leaders have caused this township historically (and to present) a host full of complications that you and your children may not recover from if drastic changes aren't sought immediately.

We in VBT are about to be introduced (in a few years) to a bond shortfall, a pollution generator ("Co-Gen" facility) and the Federal Government FEMA (through their own error) causing a major financial blunder to those allegedly living in a "Flood Plain".

There are more troubles on the horizon that will expose themselves after the General Election in November, that being said, the title of this letter speaks volumes! I will now explain.

We in VBT have been experiencing questionable leadership for over 12 years. An attempt to correct the problem back in 2008's General Election was partially misguided to which we are now and in the future will be paying dearly for.

The remedy for this is not to go backwards to 2000 through 2008, but to move forward. The solution is not as complicated as one might think. In the history of VBT there has never been a successful "Write-in Candidate" to a position of the Van Buren Board of Trustees.

Well, as one who witnessed the last Presidential campaign of '08 and the tag line "Change", that's what our township needed but didn't get and now desperately needs. The "Old Guard" of 2000-2012 is not

the answer for the next 4 years. Although it seems that some of the "Old Guard" keep passing the muster, WE the township can be saved by putting a new "rudder" on this ship for smooth sailing.

That "rudder" or leader would be Larry Fix, write-in candidate for VBT Supervisor. The process for write in candidate is to locate the desired position "VBT Supervisor" spot on the November 2012 ballot and under the printed name of candidate Linda Combs, (the blank line directly below) write in **FIX**. Then most importantly you **MUST** shade/color in the adjacent oval for the vote to count!

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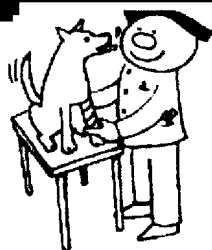
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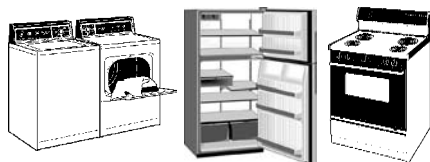
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To the Editor:

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The banquet is scheduled for Friday night, Nov. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Grace Baptist Church. This banquet is for the purpose of showing our appreciation to you, our VETERANS, for the sacrifice of a part of your life in serving our country.

The banquet will be held at the Grace Baptist Church, 164 Roys Street, Belleville.

Tickets are available through the church office or Ross Medos and LeRoy Paige. I also ask that you call the church at 734-699-5411 and RSVP by leaving your name, and the number of tickets you have received for that we can have an accurate count.

If you are unable to attend, may I express to you my gratitude for your service to the United States of America by serving in our Armed Forces. Your sacrifice for our country allows us to enjoy the freedoms and liberties that you fought for. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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• **Thursday, Oct. 25** – The African American Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Native Son" by Richard Wright.

• **Friday, Oct. 26** – Wayne County Community College District's free lecture series offers Patriot Appreciation Day from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., VBT. Author Henry J. Swift, Jr. is featured, giving an historical look at contributions of African American military men from Abe Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt. Reservations: 699-7008.

• **Friday, Oct. 26** – FREE Friends Family Friday Theater, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis Road), Ypsilanti, at 7 p.m. "Winning Favor" (2012, 70 minutes) based on a true story. Movie questions www.friendsfamilytheater.com or 734-482-5074.

• **Saturday, Oct. 27** – Volunteers are needed to place fresh American flags on veterans' graves at Hillside Cemetery, preparing for Veterans Day 2012. They officially begin at 8:30 a.m. but be advised, some volunteers arrive earlier than that.

• **Saturday, Oct. 27** – Household Hazardous Waste Day at EQ for Van Buren Township residents only, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 49350 N. I-94 Service Drive. HHW Drop-Off Hotline, 313-923-2240.

• **Saturday, Oct. 27** – Free Trick or Treat at Walmart's from noon to 3 p.m. Free pictures of all kids in costumes and free treat bag for the first 500 kids. New this year is the "Tunnel of Terror" for a donation that will help the annual Shop with a Hero event.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 31** – Downtown Belleville Trick or Treat, 5-7 p.m. Costume Contest in the 4th Street Square at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 31** – The Candy Loop will take place 5-7 p.m. at Quirk Park behind Van Buren Township Hall. Free. Little ghosts and goblins can walk the path to various candy stops to receive tricks or treats.

• **Thursday, Nov. 1** – The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Pale King" by David Foster Wallace.

• **Friday, Nov. 2** – Lodge Lanes, 46255 S. I-94 Service Drive, is hosting a bowling fund raiser, with registration at 6 p.m., to benefit Rich and Shelly Brown Willick, who lost everything in the fire that burned the Brown Funeral Home. Donation \$20 for bowling and pizza; cash bar; basket raffle.

• **Friday, Nov. 2** – Potato Pancake Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the new Fellowship Hall on the west side of St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz; \$9 donation for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and kids under are free. Carry outs only after 6 p.m.

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Donald and Donna Renton of Van Buren Township read their Independent in Dallas, NC. The Horseless Carriage Replica Club met in Dallas at the Cotton Gin Festival and the Rentons attended with their first built generic horseless carriage replica. Next time they attend they plan to take their full-size 1905 Olds REO that is being built in their garage. Donald and Donna share hobbies that have kept their marriage together for 50 years.

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More Letters

Friends of Michigan Animals set busy season

To the Editor,

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue have had a profitable fundraising season. All of our fundraisers have earned more than the previous year, except for charity poker events so we may phase those out.

Exceptional participation included the FMAR Golf Outing on June 14, the Blue Sky Microchip event on July 20, Premier Jewelry Party on Aug. 4, and Beer Tasting Fundraiser at Original Gravity on Sept. 12. We have also adopted out a record number of cats and dogs for this point in the year.

We have a busy season coming up. The deadline for buying tickets for the FMAR Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Oct. 19. The event will take place on Oct. 26 at Vinter's Canton Winery, 8518 Lilley, 8-9:30 p.m., \$20 ticket includes one bottle of FMAR labeled wine, 7-8 tastes, appetizers, door prizes and raffles. Call 734-740-1930 or email crboatin@gmail.com.

The Higgersons and Neals, generous owners of Higgerson-Neal Funeral Home on Main Street, are again offering FMAR space to give away candy on Halloween, 5-7 p.m. in their garage area. Happy Halloweening, Belleville!

Haab's Restaurant in downtown Ypsilanti is setting aside Nov. 18 for FMAR's annual Dining to Donate event.

A generous pet photographer, Adina St. John, is holding a fundraiser: photograph your pet day at Uptown Poochie Parlor on Nov. 4, 10-5, 50270 Cherry Hill St., Canton. Call 734-495-0145 for an appointment.

There will be a Craft and Vendor Show at the Belleville Eagles on Nov. 17 with appreciated proceeds going to FMAR.

Jazzercise of Van Buren Township is holding a Shop/Drop/Hop event to benefit FMAR on Dec. 14. Look for details in upcoming issues.

FMAR continues, with your help, to make a difference in the homeless cat and dog population in our tri-community area.

We are always looking for more volunteers to share the workload. If interested, please contact Sandy, 734-417-5117. Thank you.

Linda Luke,
 FMAR Fundraiser/Events Coordinator

Sumpter Fire Fighters appreciate support

To the Voters of Sumpter:

Sumpter Fire Fighters appreciate the support of the community throughout the many years. The following families and organizations and businesses are a great asset to our annual Halloween Event and annual Chicken Broil:

The Leonard Rochon Family, Osborne Concrete Company, the Pumpkin Factory, Ace Hardware, Five Star Market, Red Rooster, Little Town Deli, Belleville Greenhouse, Zino's Pizza, Benito's Pizza, Mrs. Beverly Powell, David C. Brown Funeral Home, Martin & Son, VFW Post #4434, Polish Legion of American Veterans

Post #167, Tin Pan Restaurant, Sumpter Market & Pharmacy, Garden Fantasy, Mr. Ed Pieche, Cody Ochs Family, the Modzelewski Family, the Gronemeyer Family, Attorney Robert Young, and many more.

Most of all we thank you, the community. Your support throughout the years in renewing the Sumpter Township fire millage has enabled us to provide the utmost in fire, rescue, fire prevention and safety services to our citizens.

Sincerely,
 Sumpter Firefighters

Please vote for Kathy Kovach on Nov. 6

To the Editor:

We are writing to ask everyone who is interested in doing what is best for our school system to vote for Kathy Kovach for Van Buren School Board.

Many of you know Rae and I as being involved in this community for many, many years. We have seen many leaders come and go, and have known Kathy for a number of years.

She will bring to our School Board common sense, a knowledge of how the school district runs, what has worked over the years, and what has not worked. She is very open and honest. With Kathy, what you see is what you get. Wouldn't that be a breath of fresh air?

She truly cares about our students, as anyone who had the opportunity to speak with her over the years would know. She truly has always been an advocate for students.

Please vote for Kathy Kovach on Nov. 6. She will make a difference!

Thanks,
 Rae and Bev Thom
 Belleville

Review Toni Hunt's qualifications, vote

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we all have the privilege of casting our vote, not only for the office of the President of the United States, but for many other important and noteworthy offices. We are fortunate to have a government, "of the people, by the people, for the people."

But with that comes the responsibility to go to the polls on Election Day and cast our ballot for our chosen candidates. I always thought, "You shouldn't complain who wins if you can't even get out to vote."

So, on Nov. 6, along with many others, Toni Hunt is hoping you can go to your polling place and cast your vote for her opportunity to serve as a member of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Toni's dedication to the children, parents and community members has been long proven. She is a hard-working, dedicated woman whose own children graduated from Van Buren Public Schools. I think Toni deserves a personal review of her qualifications and hopefully your vote.

Be sure to vote and take your neighbor along!
 Vicki Stonebraker

VB School Board OKs eight-foot-tall glass railings for 3 stairwells

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved paying \$21,382 in Belleville High School bond money to buy and install ½-inch, tempered glass, eight-foot-tall railings for the tops of three stairwells in the new high school building. At Monday's regular meeting, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel said administrators were concerned that students could sit on the flat tops of those stairwells and potentially fall.

Or, backpacks could be thrown over the top, said Sid Dotinga of Granger Construction Co., who presented the proposal for stairs 7, 8, and 9 as a safety issue.

Supt. Van Tassel said nothing has happened yet and they wanted to be proactive.

Van Tassel said the current railing at the top of the stairs is very appealing to sit on and, if he were a kid, he probably would sit on it himself to talk to friends. But, it's not safe.

In other business at Monday's 30-minute meeting, the school board:

- Marked National Principals' Month by presenting certificates to school district principals;

- Approved the BHS Symphony Band field trip to Chicago March 22-26, where the band will take part in competition, sight-seeing, and also get to hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Cost is from \$800 to \$1,000 per student and fund raisers are planned to help with the cost. About 70 students in grades 10-12 are involved;

- Removed from the agenda "BHS Bond Project Hardware Revisions" because the proposal was not yet ready for action;

- Approved the requested termination of Heather Bell, a teacher at McBride for two years, as of Oct. 26, since she is relocating out of state;

- Approved the requested terminations

of Carol Depas, a food service worker for four years, as of Oct. 8 for relocation; and Andrea Plachetzki, a paraprofessional for six years as of Sept. 21, since she has accepted a teaching position;

- Approved the recall of special services paraprofessional Qin Xu at Tyler Elementary as of Oct. 8;

- Heard Christina Reeves, parent of a BHS student, voice her concerns over not having enough school books. She said her son can't take the Algebra 2 book home and there are not enough calculators to take home. She said one teacher said the student can take a picture of a page with a cell phone to take home. But she told the board some students don't have Smart phones or computers. She conceded her son probably wouldn't bring his book home if he could. Supt. Van Tassel said he would look into her report;

- Heard Treasurer Toni Hunt report there were no issues at the Homecoming game or dance and there were quite a few people at the BellVelocity event at the high school track on Saturday, even though it was rainy. Trustee Brent Mikulski said the estimate of the funds raised at that event was \$22,000; and

- Learned the next board meeting will be in the BHS mini auditorium at 7 p.m., Nov. 12. The meeting will include an audit report and the closed-session superintendent evaluation.

Tigers clobber Wayne Memorial 47-0 in finale

The Belleville Tigers football team played their hearts out and left it all out on the field in their season finale football game with a 47-0 victory over Wayne Memorial on Oct. 19, played at Belleville High School.

The victory improved Belleville's record to 5-4 on the year, but one win shy of making the draw for the upcoming state playoffs. Teams must win six games in order to get automatic bids into the post season. Teams like Belleville with five victories would have to meet certain criteria if the number of teams with the six minimum victories was low.

Final Turkey Shoot this Sunday in Sumpter Twp.

The Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission will hold its final Turkey Shoot of the season this Sunday, Oct. 28 at noon at the Police Firing Range on Willow Road in Sumpter Township.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Prizes include turkeys, hams, bacon, and dollar rounds. The final day will consist of a competition between prior winners from the last three weeks. For information call Don Swinson at (734) 674-4980.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2012

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the General Election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	7981 Belleville
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Fire Station #1	45400 Hull Rd
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

President/Vice President
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Representative in Congress
State Representative
Member of the State Board of Education
Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents
Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors
County Prosecutor
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Register of Deeds
County Commissioner
Justices of the Supreme Court – 2 positions
Justices of the Supreme Court – 1 position- Partial Term Ending 1/1/2015
Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – 2 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Incumbent – 16 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Non-Incumbent – 3 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Incumbent – 2 positions – Partial Term Ending 1/1/2015
Judges of Probate Court – Incumbent – 3 positions
Judges of Probate Court – Incumbent – 1 position – Partial Term Ending 1/1/2015
Judge of 34th District Court

Local Schools:
Van Buren Public Schools – 2 positions
Lincoln Consolidate Schools – 2 positions

Local District Library Board:
Belleville District Library – 3 positions

Township Offices:
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Trustees – 4 positions

PROPOSALS:

STATE:
PROPOSAL 12-1
A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 – THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

PROPOSAL 12-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

PROPOSAL 12-3
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

PROPOSAL 12-4
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL
AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2012

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Treasurer Budd (excused). Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Recreation and Parks Director Wright, Recreation and Parks Deputy Director Burns, Fire Chief Besson, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty (40).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes October 1, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2012; Special Work Study Session Minutes October 5, 2012; Closed Session Minutes October 5, 2012; Adoption of Resolution 2012-19, a resolution to retain the professional legal services of Clark Hill PLC to assist Township Corporation Counsel in moving forward with issues related to Visteon Corporation; Approval of the Wilkin Farmland Development Rights Agreement to the State of Michigan; Approval of Fire Works Proposal by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce immediately following the lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1, 2012 to be set off from the (closed) Denton Road Bridge and authorize the Supervisor to sign the permit.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Jahr stated Treasurer Budd is absent due to the passing of her mother-in-law, Gladys Budd.

Fire Chief Besson introduced a new probationary fire fighter Scott Spoonamore and further stated there were two additional new probationary fire fighters were also hired who were unable to attend tonight's Board Meeting.

Fire Chief Besson announced the promotion of Captain David McNally to Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall and was presented with his new shield by his father Cameron McNally, former Fire Chief for Van Buren Township.

Supervisor White read the Proclamation "Veterans History and Appreciation Month" (November) and presented copies of the Proclamation to local veteran groups representatives who were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the contract with Blue Ribbon Contracting Inc. for the installation of an ADA walking/bike path and picnic areas at Van Buren Park, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract; to approve moving \$3,361 from the General Fund to complete the project. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the October 16, 2012 voucher list as amended. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Partridge read a letter of appreciation thanking Township Board,

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Directors, staff, committees and commission members and residents for working with her over the past four years as a Trustee.

Supervisor White announced the Western Wayne Quilting Guild will host a Quilt Show at Wayne County Community College Western Campus on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th.

Clerk Wright reminded voters the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot will have two pages. The first page of the ballot all partisan positions will be on the front and the back of the first page all non-partisan positions; the second page contains all proposals. The state has six proposals; Wayne County has five proposals; Wayne County Community College has one proposal; and for those voters in Precinct 10 that are in the Lincoln Consolidated School District has two proposals. Clerk Wright further recommended voters who are eligible to vote absentee to vote absentee due to the length of the ballot and for those going to the polls on Election Day to review the sample ballot which is posted on the township's website and are available at the Clerk's Office. Also, if you chose to mail your ballot back the postage is sixty-five cents or you may drop your ballot off in the drop box located in front of Van Buren Township Hall or at the Clerk's Office.

Chief Besson announced Ashley Capital has donated to the Fire Department a structure in the 6400 block of Haggerty Road for a training burn which will take place on Saturday, October 27th.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:04 p.m. to 8:24 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Absentee Ballot qualifications; consent agenda; Visteon Bonds; need for sidewalks along Belleville Road and South I-94 Service Drive; Co-Generation facility project at Grace Lake; Planning Commission; FEMA floodplains; Beck Ball Diamond; insurance; Belleville Area Little League; Supervisor White thanked residents and Directors for working with him over the past four years and listed achievements.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Paul D. White, Township Supervisor
Publish: Oct. 25, 2012

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PROPOSAL 12-5

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

PROPOSAL 12-6

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

COUNTY PROPOSALS:

FORM OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITOR

MEMBERSHIP ON THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREMENT COMMISSION

REMOVAL OF THE WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR

THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION'S POWER TO APPROVE COMPENSATION

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROPOSAL:

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Wayne County Wayne County Michigan		Years Increases Effective
	Date of Election	Voted Increases	
County of Wayne	August 2, 2010	1 mill	2015
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2009	1.25 mills	2020
Charter Township of Van Buren	November 8, 2011	4 mill	2016
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	June, 1994	18 mills	2013 (non homest)
	June, 2003	2.0 mills	2013
	November 4, 2008	0.1 mills	2012
Van Buren Public School District	November 8, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non homest)
	November 4, 2008	1.3 mills	2015
	November 4, 2008	2.98 mills	2039
Belleville Area District Library	November 2, 2010	0.7 mills	2022

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Publish: 10-25-12

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President of the United States, United States Senator, Representative in Congress 11th district, & 17th district, State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State university, Governor of Wayne State University, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds & County Commissioner 11th District, Township Offices, Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District & 3rd Circuit, Judge of Probate Court, Judge of 34th district court, School Board Members, District Library board.

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State proposal 12-1

A referendum on public Act 4 of 2011 – The emergency manager law. Public Act 4 of 2011 would: Establish criteria to access the financial condition of local government units. Including school districts. Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials. Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services. And use of assets until the emergency is resolved. Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree. Should this law be approved? Yes or No

State proposal 12-2

A Proposal to amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining. This proposal would: Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions. Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees; financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking. Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements. Define “employer” as a person or entity employing one or more employees. Should this proposal be approved? Yes or No

State proposal 12-3

A Proposal to amend the state constitution to establish a standard for renewable energy. This proposal would: Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025. Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard. Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit. Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents. Should this proposal be approved? Yes or No

State Proposal 12-4

A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish the Michigan quality home care council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care workers. This proposal would: Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws. Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care. Preserve patients; rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members. Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment. Should this proposal be approved? Yes or No

State Proposal 12-5

A Proposal to amend the state constitution to limit the enactment of new taxes by state government. This proposal would: Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation. This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution. Should this proposal be approved? Yes or No.

State Proposal 12-6

A Proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels. This proposal would: Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels. Create a definition of “new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles” that means, “any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012. Should this proposal be approved? Yes or No.

County

Form of the Wayne County budget and appropriation ordinance. Shall the Wayne county home rule charter be amended to add a new section 5.120 and to amend existing section 5.134 to authorize the Wayne county commission rather than the Wayne county executive to establish the form (including but not limited to lump-sum and line-item) of the county budget and appropriation ordinance; and to require the county commission to establish the form of the budget and appropriation ordinance by December 7, 2012 and to adopt changes to the form at least ten months before the beginning of a fiscal year to be effective for that fiscal year; and to also amend section 5.121 to require the county executive to prepare and submit the budget and appropriation ordinance in the form established by the county commission? Yes or No.

County

Independent External Auditor Shall section 3.119(E) of the Wayne county home rule charter be amended to remove the restriction that prohibits an independent external auditor from providing audit services to the county for more than eight (8) consecutive years and further to require independent external auditors be selected based on a competitive process in accordance with the county’s procurement ordinance? Yes or No

County

Membership on the Wayne county retirement commission. Shall section 6.112 of the Wayne county home rule charter be amended to expand the Wayne county retirement commission’s membership from 8 to 9, adding as a member the Wayne county treasurer or his or her designee; and also to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne county commission who is also a member of the Wayne county retirement commission, to appoint a person to serve as his or her designee on the retirement commission; and to further allow employees and retirees of the Wayne county airport authority to vote for and serve as members of the Wayne county retirement commission (with no more than one member being an airport employee or retiree) until such time as the airport authority establishes its own retirement system or pension plan? Yes or No

County

Removal of the Wayne county executive from office by the governor Shall the Wayne county home rule charter be amended to add section 4.124 to authorize the governor to remove the Wayne county executive from office for the same reasons and with the same due process as provided by law for the sheriff, prosecuting attorney, county clerk, register of deeds, and county treasurer? Yes or No

County

The Wayne county commission’s power to approve compensation Shall section 3.115 of the Wayne county home rule charter, which sets forth the powers and duties of the Wayne county commission, be amended to include the power and duty to approve all compensation of every employment position in the county, unless the compensation is established by state or federal law? Yes or No

Township

Sumpter Township Fire protection millage renewal Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Sumpter Township of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .889 mills (\$.889 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and reset up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per 1,000 of taxable value and levied for 4 years, 2012 through 2015 inclusive for fire department operation and maintenance of the Sumpter Township fire department, raising an estimated \$337,938.00 in the first year the millage is levied. Yes or No

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Birthdays

Oct. 11 – Rose Mary Ostrowski

Oct. 15 – Brian Blackburn

Oct. 23 – Sophia Hawkins

Do you have a birthday in November? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We’ll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will
be held on Monday Oct. 29,
2012
at 10:00 a.m.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk’s Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Publish: October 25, 2012

VBT Police find man dead in bathtub in Harbour Club apt.

On the morning of Sept. 27, while making a welfare check on a man who hadn't been seen for several days, Van Buren Township police found Terry Davis dead in his bathtub in his Harbour Club apartment.

Mr. Davis was a longtime Belleville resident, a graduate of Belleville High School, and retired from a management position at the Ford Rawsonville plant.

VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said when officers responded on the welfare check, there was no answer at the door and they were unable to see in the windows.

A neighbor told officers they hadn't seen Mr. Davis in several days which was unusual. Harbor Club management assisted and attempted to key in but couldn't open the lock on the door.

The door was then removed by maintenance and after a sweep of the apartment Mr. Davis was located deceased in the bathtub. He appeared to have been dead for an extended period of time, Captain Laurain said.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and Mr. Davis was transported there for autopsy. Laurain said police have not been notified as to cause of death. There were no signs of any foul play connected to the death, he said.

Is the Nov. 6 General Election your first vote? Get picture in the paper

If this is the first year you have voted, meet us at 6 p.m. on General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, in front of the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville, and the *Independent* photographer will take your picture that will be printed in the newspaper.

The first vote is historic for each voter. Mark your first ballot with a picture in the paper you can preserve forever.

For more information, call Editor Rosemary Otzman at the *Independent* at 699-9020.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



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Community College

Wayne County Community district millage proposal Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne county community college district be increased by one dollar per thousand dollars (1 mill) of the taxable value of all taxable property in the College district for a period of ten (10) years, the tax years commencing July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2022, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for community college purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that 1 mill would raise approximately \$21,746,964 when first levied in 2013. Yes or No

Lincoln School District Only

Lincoln consolidated school operating millage renewal proposal This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.2105 mills (\$18.2105 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Lincoln Consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years , 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$2,720,614 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)? Yes or No

Lincoln School District Only

Continue to provide earmarked funds to operate community recreation programs, including for senior citizens. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of .1 mill (\$0.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lincoln consolidated School District, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2013 to 2018, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating community recreation programs, including for senior citizens; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreation program if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$78,224 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2012 tax levy)? Yes or No

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 2, 2010, 1 mill, 2015; Wayne County Jail August 6, 2012 1 mill, 2021. Wayne County Parks November 2, 2010 0.25 mills 2015. Wayne County Community College. November 6, 2009 1.25 mills 2020, November 3, 1998 1 mill indefinitely. Sumpter Township May 3, 2011 1 mill 2015, August 3, 2010 2 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools May 2008 18 mills 2013, Huron School District November 2011 18 mills 2017 (non homestead only), Lincoln Consolidated June 1994 18 mills 2013 (non homestead only), June 2003 2.0 mills 2013, November, 2008 .1 mill 2012. Van Buren School August 2011 18 mills 2016, June, 1998 1.30 mills 2015, Bonds November 2008 2.98 2039.

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday November 3, 2012 from 8 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day is he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1, 3	Sumpter Community Center	23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
Precinct 2,	PNA Hall	45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1	20550 Sumpter
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School	50700 Willow

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk, Sumpter Township

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Community Halloween Party

Friday, October 26, 2012
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Belleville Presbyterian Church
(Christian Education Building)

Gather up you and the children in your favorite costumes and come over for some Halloween Fun. There will be games, crafts, story-time, snacks and our famous "Parade of Costumes". This is a free event. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at **JT's Pub & Grub** last Friday afternoon. Local government officials and residents that attended were treated to free pizza and appetizers. The restaurant/bar recently received its liquor license and is now open. It is at the site of the old Mr. Bill's bar/restaurant on East Huron River Drive, west of Haggerty.

The Team Obama Belleville/Curson for US Congress has opened an office in the Century 21 Building at 309 Main Street in

Independent photo by Bob Mytych

On Friday, JT's Pub & Grub had an official ribbon-cutting with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and local officials to celebrate the arrival of its new Class C liquor license. The redecorated business is on East Huron River Drive, just west of Haggerty Road, in the location of the former Mr. Bill's. The business now is being run as a family venture by father Samer Suleiman, son Joseph Suleiman, and son-in-law Tony Varco. The family has run the Romulus House restaurant for the last 21 years.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a land use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-074-01-0001-008 also known as 2193 Rawsonville Road. This property is located on the East side of Rawsonville Road between South I-94 Service Drive and West Huron River Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:

Site

North 

The applicant McDonalds USA, LLC is requesting Special Use Approval to construct and operate a drive-in restaurant as regulated by Article XIII – C-2, General Business, and Section 13.02 (a) of the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at (734) 699-8913 at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Belleville Presbyterian Church on Belleville Road is hosting its annual Community Halloween Party tomorrow evening, Friday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Christian Education Building. Last week's paper had the day reported as Saturday, and it's not. Costumes are encouraged and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call **(734) 697-8687**.

Halloween events going on this week end, include Saturday's annual trick or treat inside the **Walmart** on Belleville Road, from noon to 3 p.m. Free pictures will be offered to all costumed kids and a free treat bag will be given to the first 500 kids. New for this year: Tunnel of Terror. For any donation you can walk through this in what promises to be a very scary attraction. All proceeds will go to help the store's annual Shop with a Hero event. Children are encouraged to arrive a little early as 700 kids attended last year.

The **Belleville Church of God** on Hull Road is offering a **Trunk or Treat** event on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot behind the Van Buren Township Fire Station. The event is free. Call **(734) 697-0927**.

The City of Belleville's annual **Trick or Treat Main Street** will take place next Wednesday on Halloween, Oct. 31, along Main Street. The **Belleville Central Business Community** will be sponsoring its annual **Costume Contest**, beginning at 6 p.m. at the 4th Street Square. Prizes for the winner and a runner up will be awarded in four age groups: infant to 3 years, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13 & up. I've been asked to be one of the judges this year. I always enjoy the different costumes, especially the handmade ones. I can't wait. Free donuts and apple cider will be provided by **Twisted Rooster** of Belleville. Local businesses will also remain open for special treats. Call **(734) 697-7151** for details.

Mobile Tire Company of Belleville will donate \$25 to the **Susan G. Komen** for Breast Cancer research for every set of tires bought through the month of October. Mobile Tire is just that: mobile, which means they will come to you and install at your home or business. Call **(734) 506-8473** or visit their website at **www.mobiletirecompany.com**.

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Van Buren Public Schools show student population of 5,215

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Oct. 15 special meeting/work study session of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board received a report on the student head count following Official Count Day, which was Oct. 6.

The state's Official Count procedure gave districts several days after Oct. 6 to count those who didn't show up on the counting day.

The fall full-time count is 5,215, which is down 20 students from the spring total of 5,235.09.

The budget was set with an expected 90 fewer students this fall, so the district is 70 students ahead of where it thought it would be.

The Official Count determines how much student aid each district will get. Van Buren Public Schools currently receive about \$7,500 per student.

The recent count gives the Van Buren district about a half a million more dollars in its budget than it counted on.

Also at the Oct. 15 meeting, a Student Loss Report showed that 208 students moved out of this town/state, 62 moved to a charter/academy, 116 were no-shows and unable to be contacted, 100 transferred to other nearby districts, and 10 moved within this district.

Donald Martin and Tara Seward, parents of Owen Intermediate School students, spoke to the board, complaining about issues at the school. Martin had problems with transportation and handling of behavior problems and Seward was concerned over a student on the bus who harassed her daughter.

The parents got to speak at the beginning of the special meeting after the board voted to change from its regular policy. Board members voted unanimously that questions and comments from the audience on non-agenda items, usually allowed at the end of the meeting, were combined with questions and comments on agenda items at the beginning of the agenda.

President Martha Toth announced that this change is not to be taken as a precedent for regular meetings.

The special meeting, which was set for 7 p.m., did not begin until 7:47 because a 6 p.m., closed-door, disciplinary session was not over until then.

Following the closed session, in open session the board voted unanimously to permanently expel an unnamed Belleville High School student.

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VBT resident found guilty of marijuana charges, to be sentenced

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Jeremy Ketzner, 24, of Westlake Circle Apartments in Van Buren Township, was found guilty of Possession with Intent to Deliver marijuana and will be sentenced Nov. 14.

Third Circuit Court Judge David Allen found him guilty after a bench trial on Oct. 11 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain said this was a Special Investigative Unit case and Sgt. Mike Papin and Officer Chris Hayes were sent to the Red Roof Inn on May 5 to assist on a complaint of suspects smoking marijuana.

Upon arrival, the officers discovered a room with underage drinking going on. Further investigation revealed a backpack with marijuana and paperwork as to who owned the marijuana, Captain Laurain said. That was the person who was arrested and convicted.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

Sunday, Oct. 14:

0030 – PPO violation, 11302 Westlake
0042 – fight, 48981 Denton Rd.
0825 – assault & battery, 15 Ash Dr.
0912 – shots fired, 42672 Tavistock Dr.
1154 – property damage accident, Meijer
1210 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1250 – property damage accident, 2153 Rawsonville
1317 – trespassing, 27 Ash Dr.
1431 – assault & battery, 2095 Rawsonville
1435 – juvenile complaint, 27 Ash Dr.
1440 – breaking & entering, 14469 Haggerty Rd.
1502 – ATV/ORV complaint, 42009 Fret Rd.
1548 – fraud, Walmart
1639 – assault & battery, 14257 Arlene
1746 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1813 – trespassing, 16800 Lohr
2026 – larceny, Walmart
2041 – assault & battery, 284 Holly Ln.
2051 – larceny from auto, 10819 Oak Ln.
2142 – larceny, 11675 Meadows Cir.
2221 – fight, 284 Holly Ln.

Monday, Oct. 15:

0021 – intimidation threat, 9027 Parkwood Dr.
0055 – assault & battery, 7653 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0203 – agency assist, Spirits
0654 – personal injury accident, N. Service Dr., east of EQ
1029 – juvenile complaint, 51226 Sylvia Dr.
1118 – trespassing, 49060 Denton Rd.
1143 – larceny, 44199 Timberview Ct.
1321 – malicious destruction of property, 69 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1437 – property damage accident, Meijer
1557 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1643 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1733 – disturbance, 46171 Village Green Ln.
1800 – assault & battery, 254 Willow Way
1831 – malicious destruction of property, 8159 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1932 – noise complaint, 13670 Farm Rd.
2156 – breaking & entering, 6592 Outer Rd.
2229 – trespassing, 41511 N. Bellridge Dr.

Tuesday, Oct. 16:

0345 – fraud, Walmart
0555 – noise complaint, 10574 Oak Ln.
0616 – noise complaint, 7617 Kirkridge Park Dr.
0735 – larceny, S. Service Dr./Haggerty
0747 – larceny, 10743 Oak Ln.
0911 – assault & battery, 32 Oak Blvd.
0934 – property damage accident, Michigan / Haggerty
1133 – harassment call, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
1218 – mental, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1327 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1400 – property damage accident, I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor
1439 – malicious destruction of property, 50000 Ecorse Service Dr. A
1814 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1852 – breaking & entering, 1053 Savage Rd.
1908 – juvenile complaint, Green Meadows
2115 – intimidation threat, 11875 Quirk, Girlstown
2116 – fraud, Walmart
2134 – disorderly conduct, 284 Holly Ln.

Wednesday, Oct. 17:

0023 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
0031 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
0559 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1151 – larceny, 6450 Greenbriar Dr.
1305 – sexual assault, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1359 – juvenile complaint, 48270 Martz Rd.
1501 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1523 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1604 – breaking & entering, 5908 Vernon St.
1624 – breaking & entering, 6125 Beck Rd.
1644 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton

1810 – suicide or attempt, 158 Aspen
1904 – harassment call, 9333 Parkwood Dr.
1943 – disorderly conduct, 8877 Parkwood Dr.
2014 – fraud, Kmart
2236 – suicide or attempt, Westlake

Thursday, Oct. 18:

0009 – assault & battery, 45857 Ecorse Service Drive B
0341 – larceny from auto, 11511 Belleville, Dimitri's
0626 – property damage accident, Savage / Haggerty
0716 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0738 – property damage accident, 2193 Rawsonville
0802 – assault & battery, 48651 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0936 – suicide or attempt, 51297 Capitol Dr.
1021 – larceny, Walmart
1425 – assault & battery, 6663 Rogers Ave.
1522 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor / Ecorse Rd.
1522 – larceny from auto, 51300 W. Huron River
1544 – disturbance, 11777 Meadows Cir.
1641 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / W. Archwood
1652 – property damage accident, 8703 Belleville
1708 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Ecorse
1902 – breaking & entering, 13440 Martinsville
1936 – fireworks, 41957 Arthur St.
2006 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Friday, Oct. 19:

0219 – noise complaint, 11199 Oak Ln.
0802 – narcotics crime, 6613 Shelly
0926 – breaking & entering, 9783 Kent Ln.
1022 – private property accident, 6073 Vernon St.
1138 – mental, Open Arms Lutheran Church
1242 – intimidation threat, 40731 S. I-94 Service
1318 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1429 – larceny, 11036 Jackson St.
1452 – suspicious person, 51227 Old Michigan Rd.
1520 – suicide or attempt, 46650 Bemis Rd.
1802 – fraud, 2033 Rawsonville
1805 – fraud, 10880 Belleville
1816 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 46171 Village Green Ln.
1933 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Morton Taylor Rd.
2031 – property damage accident, Hannon/Wabash
2056 – fraud, 2075 Rawsonville
2239 – agency assist, Main/Second

Saturday, Oct. 20:

0144 – noise complaint, 49021 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0149 – private property accident, Walmart
0210 – fight, Maurice Dr./Sylvia Dr.
0332 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/I-94
0433 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville/I-94
0526 – hospice, 47431 Martz Rd.
0737 – shots fired, 48661 Denton Rd.
0834 – agency assist, 105 Main
0919 – missing person, 12864 Nautica Dr.
1054 – larceny, 45525 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1203 – agency assist, EB I-94/Belleville
1320 – disturbance, 40065 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1424 – intimidation threat, Meijer
1441 – narcotics crime, 32 oak Blvd.
1500 – shots fired, 15275 Elwell Rd.
2052 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2101 – disturbance, 46070 Lake Villa Dr.
2158 – operating while intoxicated, EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
2206 – noise complaint, 10667 Oak Ln.
2213 – sexual assault, 7894 Kirkridge Park Dr.
2255 – noise complaint, 41611 S. Bellridge
2309 – noise complaint, Hardwood/Prairie Ct.
2323 – narcotics crime, 46280 N. I-94 Service Dr.
Also on this week's log are 198 traffic stops, 35 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 14:

0316 – intrusion alarm, 420 Sumpter Rd.
1009 – malicious destruction of property, 6 Santa Clara St.
1213 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1947 – vehicle lockout, Bayou
2155 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2335 – suspicious person, 41 Santa Clara St.

Monday, Oct. 15:

0026 – property check, 56 Henry St.
0042 – assist citizen, 41247 E. Huron River Dr.
0043 – larceny, 135 E. Huron River Dr.
0134 – noise complaint, 176 W. Columbia Ave.
0537 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0705 – agency assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck
1116 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, Belle Villa overflow lot
1237 – juvenile complaint, 51226 Sylvia
1631 – found property, 21 Carmell St.
1839 – follow up, 6 Main St.
Tuesday, Oct. 16:
0606 – missing person, 56 Henry St.
0732 – property damage accident, High/Church
1044 – background investigation, 45 Wabash Ave.
1049 – background investigation, 20 Loza Ln.
1224 – suspicious situation, 99 Carmell St.
1300 – found property, 21 Carmell St.
1348 – larceny, 5 Carmell St.
1458 – malicious destruction of property, 3 Belle Villa Blvd.

1519 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd.

1614 – animal complaint, 251 Henry St.

2030 – found property, 25 Main St.

2307 – traffic hazard, Main St./South St.

Wednesday, Oct. 17:

0116 – assist fire dept., 380 N. Liberty St.
0224 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Main St.
0318 – suspicious situation, 87 Carmell St.
0322 – parking complaint, 113 Carmell St.
0804 – traffic complaint, Main/W. Columbia Ave.
1039 – assist fire dept., 41 Loza Ln.
1152 – intrusion alarm, 405 Victorian Ln.
1337 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1601 – civil matter, 301 W. Davis St.
1705 – follow up, 835 Sumpter Rd.
1718 – juvenile complaint, 6 Main St.
1804 – welfare check, Skate Park
2139 – abandoned auto, Main St./Second St.

Thursday, Oct. 18:

0351 – assist fire dept., 338 N. Liberty St.
0534 – intrusion alarm, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
0626 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park/Belle Villa
0908 – follow up, 562 W. Thornhill Ct.
0931 – assist fire dept., 73 Menlo Park Dr.
1603 – parking complaint, 530 W. Columbia Ave.
1637 – vehicle lockout, 285 Harbour Pointe Dr.
1834 – assist fire dept., 35 Carmell St.

Friday, Oct. 19:

1115 – assault & battery, 176 W. Columbia Ave.
1211 – vehicle lockout, 795 Sumpter Rd.
1449 – domestic assault, 52 Loza Ln.
1505 – vehicle lockout, 167 Fourth St., library
1511 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1811 – domestic assault, 54 Carmell st.
1932 – vehicle lockout, 71 W. Wabash Ave.
2227 – property check, 56 Henry St.
2238 – suspicious person, Main St./Second St.

Saturday, Oct. 20:

0130 – abandoned auto, 105 Main St.
0357 – property check, 506 Harbour Pointe Dr.
0713 – background investigation, 143 N. Edgemont Ave.
0831 – suspicious situation, 105 Main St.
0920 – malicious destruction of property, 58 Wexford Ave.
1242 – suspicious situation, 745 E. Huron River
1243 – follow up, 25 Main St.
1249 – suspicious vehicle, 25 Potter Dr.
1440 – lost property, 6 Main St.
1713 – intrusion alarm, 530 W. Columbia Ave.
1714 – breaking & entering, 111 Carmell St.
1855 – neighbor trouble, 58 Wexford Ave.
2338 – operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe
Also on this week's log are 36 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 14:

0017 – traffic hazard, Harris/Savage
0100 – suspicious vehicle, 29000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0232 – property damage accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0400 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
0533 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1309 – breaking & entering, Texas

1313 – assist other agency, Washington
1426 – warrant arrest, Texas
1444 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1636 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Executive
1708 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
1813 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2039 – juvenile complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2137 – parking complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Oct. 15:

0854 – larceny, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1326 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1438 – breaking & entering, Walnut
1612 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1726 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1729 – shots fired investigation, 6500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1737 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1922 – mental health commitment, Greenmeadow
2054 – suspicious incident, Willis/Rawsonville
Tuesday, Oct. 16:
0209 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0713 – property damage accident, Martinsville/Wear
0836 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1047 – civil dispute, Vermont
1335 – threats complaint, Edgewood
1622 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1837 – warrant arrest, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1928 – fire dept. assist, Dakota
1950 – animal bite, Rustic Lane
2009 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2251 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 17:

0020 – noise complaint, Rustic Lane
0520 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0521 – animal complaint, Paris/Sumpter
1052 – mental health commitment, 42000 bl. Judd
1203 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1550 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1704 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1716 – animal complaint, Rustic Lane
1911 – larceny, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2107 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
2357 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 18:

0944 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1000 – citizen assist, Holiday Woods
1518 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1801 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter
1840 – down wires, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1900 – breaking & entering, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1935 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1942 – civil dispute, Arizona
2031 – property damage accident, 48000 bl. Harris
2126 – assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
2346 – alarm, 46000 bl. Willis

Friday, Oct. 19:

0618 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1132 – suspicious incident, Dakota
1210 – disorderly person, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1234 – fire dept. assist, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz
1310 – abandoned vehicle, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1433 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1530 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1612 – 911 hang up/investigation, Dakota
1723 – property damage accident, 6200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1728 – shots fired investigation, 44000 bl. Clay

Saturday, Oct. 20:

0430 – 911 hang up/investigation, 51000 bl. Judd
0926 – citizen assist, Arizona
1354 – alarm, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1358 – animal complaint, Lohr/Harris
1619 – fire dept. assist, 9600 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1847 – malicious destruction of property, Colorado
1926 – suspicious person, California
2014 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2106 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2249 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2352 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
Also on this week's log are 4 follow-up investigations, 20 miscellaneous details, 131 patrol checks, and 27 traffic stops.

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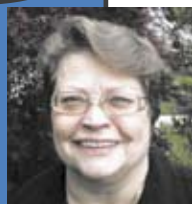
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- Tuesday, Nov. 6 – General Election
- Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, tentative, 6:30 p.m.
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